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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 16 February 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

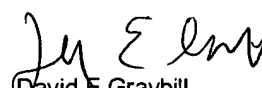
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to the abstract does not comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 because it fails to provide a replacement section (abstract) with markings to show all changes relative to the previous version of the section (abstract).


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